



## New migrant facilities crop up to ease crowding, again

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For the third time in seven years, U.S. officials are scrambling to handle a dramatic spike in children crossing the U.S.-Mexico border alone, leading to a massive expansion in emergency facilities to house them as more kids arrive than are being released to close relatives in the United States. More than 22,000 migrant children were in government custody as of Thursday, with 10,500 sleeping on cots at convention centers, military bases and other large venues likened to hurricane evacuation shelters with little space to play and no privacy. More than 2,500 are being held by border authorities in substandard facilities. The government failed to prepare for a big increase in children traveling alone as President Joe Biden ended some of his predecessor's hardline immigration policies and decided he wouldn't quickly expel unaccompanied kids from the country like the Trump administration did for eight months.



In this March 30, 2021, file photo, young unaccompanied migrants, from ages 3 to 9, watch television inside a playpen at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility, the main detention center for unaccompanied children in the Rio Grande Valley, in Donna, Texas.

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So many children are coming that there's little room in long-term care facilities, where capacity shrank significantly during the coronavirus pandemic. As a result, minors are packed into Border Patrol facilities not meant to hold them longer than three days or they're staying for weeks in the mass housing sites that often lack the services they need. Lawyers say some have not seen social workers who can reunite them with family in the U.S.

"As it currently stands with a lot of these emergency intake sites, children are going in and there's no way out," said Leecia Welch, senior director of legal advocacy and child welfare at the National Center for Youth Law. "They're complete dead ends."

Both Donald Trump and Barack Obama faced similar upticks in Central American children crossing the border alone in 2019 and 2014. The numbers have now reached historic highs amid economic fallout



In this March 28, 2021, file photo, an infant weeps as he is unloaded from an inflatable raft after being smuggled into the United States by crossing the Rio Grande River in Roma, Texas.

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from the pandemic, storms in Central America and the feeling among migrants that Biden is more welcoming than his predecessor.

The Trump administration had predicted the strain on capacity, documents show. Projections from a former top official in the U.S. Health and Human Ser-

vices Department, which cares for migrant children until they're reunited with family, said the agency would run out beds by mid-January or early February. On Feb. 22, the Biden administration reopened a tent facility used during previous increases as smaller shelters ran out of beds.

The Border Patrol encountered 18,663 unaccompanied children in March, the highest monthly total on record, well above previous highs of 11,475 in May 2019 and 10,620 in June 2014.

The number of children in custody rose after eight months of expulsions that began in March 2020, when Trump invoked a section of an obscure public health law amid the pandemic. More than 15,000 unaccompanied children were expelled between April and November last year, according to government figures.

In response to a 2019 uptick in crossings, the Trump administration had increased the number of beds in small and medium-size shelters that are better prepared to handle family reunifications — to 13,000 by early 2020.

But pandemic restrictions brought down actual capacity to 7,800 beds by November, said Mark Greenberg, who was acting assistant secretary for the Administration of Children and Families at U.S. Health and Human Services during Obama's second term and part of Biden's transition team. A February government tally had it at 7,100 beds.

"Throughout 2020, they didn't rebuild capacity," Greenberg said of the Trump administration. "For

much of last year, the number of children in custody was very low, and they had 8,000 available beds, and the government was expelling children at the border. It was in that context that they didn't rebuild the loss of supply."

During the last months of Trump's term, unaccompanied minors were allowed to stay after a federal judge ruled in November that the government couldn't use the pandemic as a reason to expel them. In January, an appeals court said the government could resume the practice, but Biden decided against it.

The numbers quickly rose under Biden, who ended other Trump policies, including one that made asylum-seekers wait in Mexico for court hearings in the U.S.

Jonathan H. Hayes, who directed Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement from February 2019 to March 2020, said the Biden administration needed to listen to estimates on capacity needs before undoing Trump's policies. Projections of arrivals threatened to strain the system and should have prompted officials to hit pause, considering the time it takes to get licensed shelters up and running, Hayes said.

It took longer than usual after protests in 2018 and 2019 turned the public against Health and Human Services, Hayes said, referring to demonstrations outside facilities that housed migrant children separated from their parents under Trump's "zero tolerance" policy.

Opening shelters for unaccompanied minors normally took four to six months as the government acquired state licenses and local permits. But in 2019, it was taking anywhere from nine to 12 months because of community pushback.

"We had Democrats, state and local officials who didn't want to cooperate because in their minds they had bought into this idea that kids were in cages in HHS," Hayes said. □

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# U.S. West prepares for possible 1st water shortage declaration

By SAM METZ

Associated Press/Report for America

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) —

The man-made lakes that store water supplying millions of people in the U.S. West and Mexico are projected to shrink to historic lows in the coming months, dropping to levels that could trigger the federal government's first-ever official shortage declaration and prompt cuts in Arizona and Nevada.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released 24-month projections this week forecasting that less Colorado River water will cascade down from the Rocky Mountains through Lake Powell and Lake Mead and into the arid deserts of the U.S. Southwest and the Gulf of California. Water levels in the two lakes are expected to plummet low enough for the agency to declare an official shortage for the first time, threatening the supply of Colorado River water that growing cities and farms rely on.

It comes as climate change means less snowpack flows into the river and its tributaries, and hotter temperatures parch soil and cause more river water to evaporate as it streams through the drought-plagued American West.

The agency's models project Lake Mead will fall below 1,075 feet (328 meters) for the first time in June



In this July 28, 2014, file photo, lightning strikes over Lake Mead near Hoover Dam that impounds Colorado River water at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Arizona.

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2021. That's the level that prompts a shortage declaration under agreements negotiated by seven states that rely on Colorado River water: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. The April projections, however, will not have binding impact. Federal officials regularly issue long-term projections but use those released each August to make decisions about how to allocate river water. If projections don't improve by then, the Bureau of Reclamation will declare a Level 1 shortage condition. The cuts

would be implemented in January. Arizona, Nevada and Mexico have voluntarily given up water under a drought contingency plan for the river signed in 2019. A shortage declaration would subject the two U.S. states to their first mandatory reductions. Both rely on the Colorado River more than any other water source, and Arizona stands to lose roughly one-third of its supply.

Water agency officials say they're confident their preparation measures, including conservation and seeking out alternative sources, would allow

them to withstand cuts if the drought lingers as expected. "The study, while significant, is not a surprise. It reflects the impacts of the dry and warm conditions across the Colorado River Basin this year, as well as the effects of a prolonged drought that has impacted the Colorado River water supply," officials from the Arizona Department of Water Resources and Central Arizona Project said in a joint statement.

In Nevada, the agency that supplies water to most of the state has constructed "straws" to draw water from further down in Lake

Mead as its levels fall.

It also has created a credit system where it can bank recycled water back into the reservoir without having it count toward its allocation.

Colby Pellegrino, director of water resources for the Southern Nevada Water Authority, reassured customers that those preparation measures would insulate them from the effects of cuts.

But she warned that more action was needed.

"It is incumbent upon all users of the Colorado River to find ways to conserve," Pellegrino said in a statement.

The Bureau of Reclamation also projected that Lake Mead will drop to the point they worried in the past could threaten electricity generation at Hoover Dam.

The hydropower serves millions of customers in Arizona, California and Nevada. To prepare for a future with less water, the bureau has spent 10 years replacing parts of five of the dam's 17 turbines that rotate to generate power. Len Schilling, a dam manager with the bureau, said the addition of wide-head turbines allow the dam to operate more efficiently at lower water levels. He said the turbines will be able to generate power almost to a point called "dead-pool," when there won't be enough water for the dam to function. □

## Shots fired at Guardsmen patrolling near Wright scene

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Two National Guardsmen suffered minor injuries early Sunday when they were fired upon as they provided neighborhood security in Minneapolis following the police killing of a 20-year-old Black man in a nearby suburb, authorities said.

The Minnesota Guard said the men were hurt when several shots came from a light-colored SUV around 4:19 a.m. One was treated at a hospital for an injury for shattered glass, and the other Guard member's in-

juries were described as superficial.

The Minneapolis area was on heightened alert for a verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial in George Floyd's death even before April 11 when a police officer shot and killed 20-year-old Daunte Wright in a traffic stop in Brooklyn Center. The city's police chief said he believed Officer Kim Potter mistakenly grabbed her handgun instead of her Taser. Both have since resigned, and Potter is charged with second-de-

gree manslaughter.

The shooting Sunday happened in north Minneapolis, about 5 miles (8 kilometers) from Brooklyn Center. The Guard members were on a patrol with Minneapolis police at the time.

The Brooklyn Center police station has been the site of protests every night since Saturday's demonstration was more subdued than earlier in the week, when police used a riot line to clear the street several nights and used gas, flash-bang grenades and mark-



The likenesses of George Floyd and Daunte Wright as drawn on the street during a solidarity rally outside Cup Foods, Sunday, April 18, 2021, in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

ing rounds on demonstrators, some of whom threw objects at police and tried to damage a fence.

Closing arguments are Monday in Chauvin's trial after three weeks of testimony. □

# Sheriff: 3 dead, 2 wounded in shooting at Wisconsin tavern

**KENOSHA, Wis. (AP)**—Three people were killed and two were seriously wounded in a shooting at a busy tavern in southeastern Wisconsin early Sunday, sheriff's officials said.

Kenosha County Sheriff David Beth said the suspect in the shooting at Somers House Tavern in Kenosha County is still at large, but that he believes the public is not in danger.

"We believe our suspect knew who he was targeting," Beth said during a Sunday morning news conference. He asked that anyone with information about the shooting contact the Kenosha Sheriff's Department. Kenosha is about 30 miles (50 kilometers) south of Milwaukee, not far from the Wisconsin-Illinois border.

The suspect had been asked to leave the bar, but returned and opened fire. Beth said shots were fired inside and outside the bar, which he described as "very busy" at the time. He left open the possibility that there was more than one suspect. He said he believed at least one handgun was used.

Officials were still working to determine the identities of the people who died. Beth said two people died



Officials investigate the scene of a deadly shooting at Somers House Tavern in Kenosha, Wis., Sunday, April 18, 2021.

at the scene. The third person hopped in a car with two other people, who moments later flagged down a police vehicle. The officer drove the victim to a hospital where that person was pronounced dead, Beth said.

The two people who were shot and wounded were taken to area hospitals. There may have been more people with less seri-

ous injuries, and the sheriff's department has contacted local hospitals to find them, Beth said. He said investigators are reviewing surveillance video from the scene. The tavern installed video cameras a couple of years ago, Beth said, but he didn't know if the surveillance video is from the business.

Sgt. David Wright, sheriff's

department spokesman, said authorities are gathering evidence and are waiting for "tips and other information" before they release more details.

A man who lives near the bar, Peter Ploskee, told WLS-TV that he heard gun shots, looked out a window and saw "people running from the bar in every direction."

"It was just chaos," he said.

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"People are just running, people screaming."

Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers called it a "senseless tragedy" and said he and his wife are "thinking of the families and loved ones affected and the entire Kenosha community as they grieve and grapple with yet another tragic incident of gun violence."

It was the latest in a recent string of shootings across the country, including the killings of eight people at a FedEx warehouse in Indianapolis on Thursday. Last month, four people were killed at an office shooting in California, eight people were fatally shot at massage businesses in the Atlanta area, and 10 died in gunfire at a supermarket in Boulder, Colorado.

The nearby city of Kenosha was the scene of serious unrest last summer, after police shot a young Black man, Jacob Blake, leaving him paralyzed.

A white Illinois teenager was accused of fatally shooting two people during the Kenosha protests. Kyle Rittenhouse of Antioch is charged with homicide and attempted homicide in the Aug. 25 shootings. He has pleaded not guilty and says he fired in self-defense. □



In this March 4, 2020 file photo, E. Jean Carroll talks to reporters outside a courthouse in New York.

By **JENNIFER PELTZ**  
Associated Press

The U.S. Justice Department made a "wrong and dangerous" argument in seeking to defend former President Donald Trump against a former advice

Associated Press

columnist's claim that he defamed her when he denied her allegation of rape, her lawyers have told a court.

During Trump's presidency, the Justice Department sought to make the United

## Lawyers: DOJ defense in Trump defamation suit is 'dangerous'

States, not him personally, the defendant in E. Jean Carroll's lawsuit — a move that would put U.S. taxpayers on the hook if she got a payout in the case.

The Justice Department has argued that the statements he made about Carroll, including that she was "totally lying" to sell a memoir and that "she's not my type," fell within the scope of his job as president. The federal lawyers said he had to respond to her claims because they essentially questioned his fitness to hold public office. In court papers filed late Friday, Carroll's lawyers said Trump's comments were "personal, not presidential"

— and that accepting the Justice Department's view would essentially create a rule allowing federal officials to slur their detractors at will. "That rule is both wrong and dangerous," Carroll's lawyers, led by Roberta Kaplan, wrote in asking a federal appeals court to reject the Justice Department's argument. "It reflects a disturbing belief that federal officials should have free rein to destroy the reputations and livelihoods of any perceived critic — no matter how unrelated to the business of governance."

Justice Department attorneys declined to comment on the case. Mes-

sages seeking comment were left with the law firm that has represented Trump personally in the suit. Carroll alleged in 2019 that Trump raped her in a New York luxury department store dressing room in the mid-1990s after they bumped into each other and started joking around about buying lingerie. She has been trying to get a DNA sample from him to test against male genetic material on a dress she says she was wearing during the encounter. Carroll's lawsuit said his comments sullied her character and damaged her career. She was a longtime Elle magazine columnist until late 2019. □

# U.S., China agree to cooperate on climate crisis with urgency

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— The United States and China, the world's two biggest carbon polluters, agreed to cooperate to curb climate change with urgency, just days before President Joe Biden hosts a virtual summit of world leaders to discuss the issue. The agreement was reached by U.S. special envoy for climate John Kerry and his Chinese counterpart Xie Zhenhua during two days of talks in Shanghai last week, according to a joint statement.

The two countries "are committed to cooperating with each other and with other countries to tackle the climate crisis, which must be addressed with the seriousness and urgency that it demands," said the statement, issued Saturday evening U.S. time.

Meeting with reporters in Seoul on Sunday, Kerry said the language in the statement is "strong" and that the two countries agreed on "critical elements on where we have to go." But the former secretary of state said, "I learned in diplomacy that you don't put your back on the words, you put on actions. We all need to see what happens."

China is the world's biggest carbon emitter, followed by the United States. The two countries pump out nearly half of the fossil fuel fumes that are warming the planet's atmosphere. Their cooperation is key to the success of global efforts to curb climate change, but frayed ties over human rights, trade and China's territorial claims to Taiwan and the South China Sea have been threatening to undermine such efforts.

Noting that China is the world's biggest coal user, Kerry said he and Chinese officials had a lot of discussions on how to accelerate a global energy transition. "I have never shied away from expressing our views shared by many, many people that it is imperative to reduce coal, everywhere," he said.



In this photo provided by U.S. Embassy Seoul, U.S. special envoy for climate John Kerry speaks during a round table meeting with the media in Seoul, South Korea, Sunday, April 18, 2021.

Associated Press

Su Wei, a member of the Chinese negotiation team, told state broadcaster CCTV on Sunday that a major accomplishment of the talks was "restarting the dialogue and cooperation between China and the United States on climate change issues." Su said the two countries reached a consensus on key areas for future cooperation on climate issues.

Biden has invited 40 world leaders, including Chinese President Xi Jinping, to the April 22-23 summit. The U.S.

and other countries are expected to announce more ambitious national targets for cutting carbon emissions ahead of or at the meeting, along with pledging financial help for climate efforts by less wealthy nations.

While Kerry was still in Shanghai, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng signaled Friday that China is unlikely to make any new pledges at next week's summit.

"For a big country with 1.4 billion people, these goals

are not easily delivered," Le said during an interview with The Associated Press in Beijing. "Some countries are asking China to achieve the goals earlier. I am afraid this is not very realistic."

During a video meeting with German and French leaders Friday, Xi said that climate change "should not become a geopolitical chip, a target for attacking other countries or an excuse for trade barriers," the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

On whether Xi would join the summit, Le said "the Chinese side is actively studying the matter."

The joint statement said the two countries "look forward to" next week's summit. Kerry said Sunday that "we very much hope that (Xi) will take part" in the summit but it's up to China to make that decision.

Biden, who has said that fighting global warming is among his highest priorities, had the United States rejoin the historic 2015 Paris climate accord in the first hours of his presidency, undoing the U.S. withdrawal ordered by his predecessor Donald Trump.

Major emitters of greenhouse gases are preparing for the next U.N. climate summit taking place in Glasgow, U.K., in November. The summit aims to relaunch global efforts to keep rising global temperatures to below 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) as agreed in the Paris accord.

According to the U.S.-China statement, the two countries would enhance "their respective actions and cooperating in multi-lateral processes, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement." □

## Navalny's doctor: Putin critic 'could die at any moment'

MOSCOW (AP) — A doctor for imprisoned Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, who is in the third week of a hunger strike, says his health is deteriorating rapidly and the 44-year-old Kremlin critic could be on the verge of death.

Physician Yaroslav Ashikhmin said Saturday that test results he received from Navalny's family show him with sharply elevated levels of potassium, which can bring on cardiac arrest, and heightened creatinine levels that indicate impaired kidneys.

"Our patient could die at any moment," he said in a Facebook post.

Anastasia Vasilyeva, head of the Navalny-backed Alliance of Doctors union, said on Twitter that "action must be taken immediately."

Navalny is Russian President Vladimir Putin's most visible and adamant opponent. His personal physicians have not been allowed to see him in prison. He went on hunger strike to protest the refusal to let them visit when he began experiencing severe back pain and a loss of feeling in his legs. Russia's state penitentiary service has said that Navalny is receiving all the medical help he needs.

Navalny was arrested on Jan. 17 when he returned



In this Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 file photo, Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny stands in a cage in the Babuskinsky District Court in Moscow, Russia.

Associated Press

to Russia from Germany, where had spent five months recovering from Soviet nerve-agent poisoning that he blames on the Kremlin. Russian officials

have denied any involvement and even questioned whether Navalny was poisoned, which was confirmed by several European laboratories. □

# Iran offers upbeat assessment of progress in nuclear talks

**BERLIN (AP)** — A senior Iranian official offered a cautiously upbeat assessment of progress in talks aimed at bringing the United States back into world powers' 2015 deal with Tehran on its nuclear program, saying Saturday that a "new understanding" appears to be taking shape.

Iran has been negotiating with the five powers that remain in the agreement — France, Germany, Britain, Russia and China — in Vienna over the past two weeks. An American delegation also has been in Vienna, but not talking directly to Iran.

Iran's deputy foreign minister said the talks had entered a new phase, adding that Iran had proposed draft agreements that could be a basis for negotiations.

"We think that the talks have reached a stage where parties are able to begin to work on a joint draft," Abbas Araghchi told Iranian state television. "It seems that a new understanding is taking shape, and now there is agreement over final goals."

"The path is better known, but it will not be easy path," Araghchi added. "It does not mean that differences of views have come to the end."



This satellite photo provided from Planet Labs Inc. shows Iran's Natanz nuclear facility on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

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The accord is aimed at preventing Iran from developing a nuclear weapon, something it says it doesn't want to do. It restricted Iran's nuclear program in return for relief from U.S. and international sanctions. In 2018, then-President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. unilaterally out of the accord, opting for restored

and additional American sanctions.

Since then, Iran has steadily violated restrictions in the deal, like the amount of enriched uranium that it can stockpile and the purity to which it can be enriched. Tehran's moves have been calculated to pressure the other participants to do more to offset crippling U.S.

sanctions. President Joe Biden has said he wants to bring the U.S. back into the deal but that Iran must reverse its violations.

Additional complications have arisen: last weekend, Iran's Natanz nuclear facility was sabotaged. The attack was widely suspected of being carried out by Israel, which opposes the nu-

clear deal, though authorities there have not commented.

Iran responded by announcing it would increase uranium enrichment to 60% purity, far higher than ever before, and install more advanced centrifuges at the Natanz facility.

On Saturday, the International Atomic Energy Agency said it had verified that Iran had begun the production of uranium hexafluoride enriched up to 60% at Natanz.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Wednesday dismissed offers seen so far in Vienna as "not worth looking at." Still, he said he had confidence in his negotiators, and Iran's Saturday readout seemed upbeat.

Diplomats from the six countries participating told expert-level working groups on sanctions-lifting and nuclear issues "to continue their activities on Saturday afternoon, Sunday and next week" to make further progress, Russian representative Mikhail Ulyanov tweeted.

Enrique Mora, the European Union official who chaired the talks, tweeted that "progress has been made in a far from easy task. We need now more detailed work." □

## Egypt says 11 killed in train crash north of Cairo



People gather at the site where a passenger train derailed injuring at least 100 people, near Banha, Qalyubia province, Egypt, Sunday, April 18, 2021.

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By **SAMY MAGDY**  
Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP)** — A passenger train derailed Sunday north of Cairo, killing at least 11

people, Egyptian authorities said. It was the latest of several rail accidents to hit the country in recent years. Four train wagons ran off

the railway at the city of Banha in Qalyubia province, just outside Cairo, the railway authority said in a statement. Videos on social media showed wagons overturned and passengers escaping to safety along the railway.

The train was travelling to the Nile Delta city of Mansoura from the Egyptian capital, the statement said. The Health Ministry said in a statement that besides the dead, at least 98 people were injured, with most of them suffering from broken bones, cuts and bruises.

At least 60 ambulances were sent to the scene and the injured were taken to nearby hospitals, the ministry added.

Salvage teams could be seen searching for survivors and removing the derailed wagons. It was not immediately clear what caused the train to derail. Prosecutors said they were investigating the causes of the crash.

Last week, at least 15 people were injured when train carriages derailed in the Nile Delta province of Sharqia.

Prosecutors said they found that gross negligence by railway employees was behind the deadly March 25 crash, which caused public outcry across the country. Train wrecks and mishaps are common in Egypt, where the railway system has a history of badly main-

tained equipment and mismanagement. The government says it has launched a broad renovation and modernization initiative. President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi said in March 2018 that the government needs about 250 billion Egyptian pounds, or \$14.1 billion, to overhaul the run-down rail system.

Hundreds of train accidents are reported every year. In February 2019 an unmanned locomotive slammed into a barrier inside Cairo's main Ramses railway station, causing a huge explosion and a fire that killed at least 25 people. That crash prompted the then-transportation minister to resign. □

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## Hopelessness continues driving Hondurans to migrate

By **DELMER MARTÍNEZ** and  
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Associated Press

**OMOA, Honduras (AP)** —

At a converted seaside hotel, more than 200 Honduran migrants stepped off six buses, weary from traveling overnight across Guatemala after being deported by Mexico.

Their journeys ended somewhere in Mexico, short of the U.S. border, and now early Friday morning they were back in Honduras making arrangements to return to where they started. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection last month reported more than 41,000 encounters with Hondurans at the U.S. southern border. That was some 12,000 more than during March 2019.

The reasons Hondurans continue to flee their country have been well documented: pervasive violence, deep-seated corruption, lack of jobs and widespread destruction from two major hurricanes that struck the region last November.

Here at one of the Honduran government's reception centers for returnees, their documents were reviewed, they received medical checks and with the help of the Red Cross, they were screened for whether they could safely return to their communities. Gilles Carbonnier, vice president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, visited the center Friday during a week-long visit to El Salvador and Honduras. Among its efforts, the Red Cross works to support people displaced by violence.

On Saturday, Carbonnier told of meeting a Honduran cobbler who had a shop in a market in Tegucigalpa. One of the region's infamous street gangs was

extorting him and when he could no longer pay, the gang severely beat him.

The man saw no choice but to close his shop and migrate to the U.S. He was deported more than a year ago, screened at another of Honduras' reception centers and eventually referred to the Red Cross. The humanitarian agency helped him relocate and gave him some money.

"With the pecuniary help we gave him, he bought the material to restart his cobbler activities and right now he has two shops, six employees and was able to restart his life," Carbonnier said.

Hondurans and others around the world feel the need to migrate because of "a lack of opportunity and a lack of hope," Carbonnier said. "And a lack of opportunity with a lack of hope results in you saying, 'There's no space for me in this country and I'm going.'"

For Eugenio Sosa, a sociologist at the National Autonomous University of Honduras, the assorted factors pushing Hondurans out of the country have contributed to a general hopelessness.

"The people don't go just because it's really bad," Sosa said. "The people go because it's bad and because they are certain that it is going to continue to be bad and that the country has rotted forever."

U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, who has been charged with addressing the root causes of the region's migration, struck a similar note this week.

She said Wednesday that the U.S. wants to use its resources — the Biden administration has spoken of \$4 billion in aid — to provide the people of the Northern

Triangle countries of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras "with some hope that if they stay at home, help is on the way and they can have some hope that the opportunities and the needs that they have will be met in some way."

Sosa said even small signs of things beginning to turn around would make a difference, even if monumental challenges in the areas of health, education, jobs and corruption won't change overnight.

Honduran migrants set out from San Pedro Sula in caravans in December, January and March. All of the attempts to travel safely in large groups fizzled by the time they entered Guatemala. But the caravans of recent years only represent a minute fraction of the daily migration that goes



In this Jan. 16, 2020 file photo, Honduran migrants hoping to reach the U.S. border are stopped by Guatemalan police near Agua Caliente, Guatemala, on the border with Honduras.

Associated Press

mostly unseen as families or individuals strike out on their own or with the help of smugglers.

The Trump administration pressured Mexico and Central American governments to more aggressively work to stop migrants. The Biden administration has sent a

more compassionate message that in many cases has been mistaken as an invitation, or at least a sign of a friendlier reception. The reality however continues to be that the U.S. government quickly expels most of those arriving at its southern border. □

## 3 killed as police crack down on hard-line group in Pakistan

By **BABAR DOGAR**  
Associated Press  
**LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)**

— A crackdown by Pakistani security forces on protesting supporters of a banned Islamist party left at least three people dead and 20 others injured Sunday, a police official and a party spokesman said.

Lahore police spokesman Rana Arif said supporters of the hard-line Tehreek-e-Labaik Pakistan party attacked police with a petrol bomb and took custody of five police officers, including Deputy Superintendent Umar Farooq Baluch. Arif alleged the officers were tortured. Police said 11 of the injured were police who needed to be hospital-



Police officers hang on to an ambulance carrying their colleagues that were injured during a clash with supporters of Tehreek-e-Labaik Pakistan, a banned Islamist party, protesting the arrest of their party leader Saad Rizvi, in Lahore, Pakistan, Sunday, April 18, 2021.

Associated Press

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Shafiq Ameen, spokesman for Tehreek-e-Labaik, posted a video clip on social media saying that police moved in on the party's supporters at the group's offices in Lahore at about 8 a.m.

Ameen said several of

the group's supporters were killed and others wounded in the violence. Pakistan's government banned Tehreek-e-Labaik Pakistan last week after supporters took to the streets to protest the arrest of their leader, cleric Saad Rizvi. □

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**PALM BEACH — MedCare's Fit2Fly COVID-19 Testing Center is your best option for the post vacation COVID-19 test which is now required by the U.S. before returning home. All passengers going to the United States, including U.S. citizens, are required to have a negative (antigen or PCR) COVID-19 test result of a test taken maximum three days prior to boarding the flight, or documentation of recovery from COVID-19. MedCare's testing centers in and close to the hotels provide you with an easy and secure solution.**

MedCare Clinic, a high-quality medical clinic that is specialized in urgent care for tourists and that has been appointed as the national COVID-19 clinic for tourists, and Laboratorio di Servizio, a full-service modern medical laboratory with state-of-the-art equipment, have partnered up to provide fast and reliable COVID-19 testing to all. Laboratorio di Servizio is ISO-15189:2012 accredited by the Dutch Council for Accreditation (M317).

### Rapid PCR

As Aruba resumes to receive more and more visitors each month, one thing has become very clear: testing is critical. Thus far Medcare Clinic has been offering high-volume laboratory testing with results in 24 hours or less. The newest service on the market is Rapid PCR, where you receive your results in minutes not hours.

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The Fit2Fly COVID-19 Testing Centers are located at the Cove Mall and at the Courtyard Aruba Resort at the mill, two locations at a stone's throw from your resort, condominium, or other vacation accommodation.. Walk-ins are welcome. It is recommended that the tests are done timely, as the negative test is only accepted if taken up to three days before boarding your flight. MedCare Fit2Fly Testing Center at the Cove Mall is opposite the Holiday Inn and is open every day for walk-ins from 8am through 10pm. MedCare's other location is situated at The Courtyard Aruba Resort, is across the street from the RIU Hotel and is open every day from 8:30am until 12:30pm.

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### Costs and timing

Passengers must be tested with a viral test that could be either an Antigen Test or a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT), such as the reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (PCR). The price for the Antigen Test is only \$50, and the PCR Test is available, for \$125, The new rapid PCR will be \$150 (results in 30 minutes.) MedCare offers the easier and substantially cheaper Antigen Test that is acceptable for travel to the U.S. as per the CDC guidelines. Pre-travel testing is not covered by the Aruban visitor insurance. Please contact your insurance company to verify if testing costs are insured. Results are e-mailed to you within 24 hours of testing.

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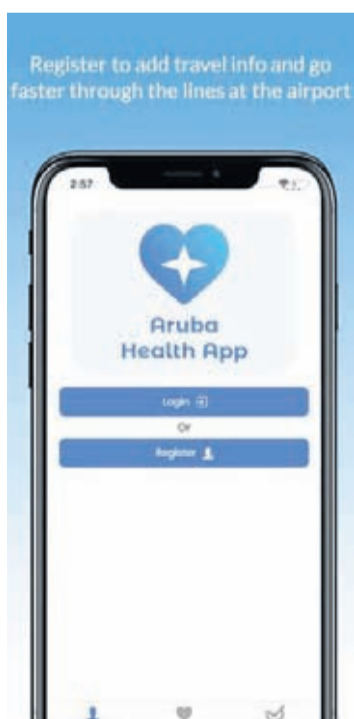
## Covid-19: the status on Aruba



**ORANJESTAD** —Rules and protocols are being reviewed and evaluated on a daily basis and adapted as per current situation by a crisis team, in order to protect each and every one visiting and residing our island.

### Current numbers

There are currently 488 active Covid cases on the island. 441 residents and 47 non-residents. There are 38 persons hospitalized of which 15 of them are in the Intensive care unit. 92 persons lost their battle against the Covid virus of which 1 of them is a non-resident. A total of 140.062 persons have been tested of which 92.746 were tested at the airport.



### Vaccines

Aruba received already 5 batches of the Pfizer vaccine courtesy of the Dutch Kingdom. A total of 49.711 persons registered for the vaccine. There has been a total of 41.795 vaccines applied of which 27.982 already received the first dosage and 13.813 received the second dosage of Pfizer vaccine. Per day a total of 2.500 persons are being vaccine at two locations, Centro Deportivo Betico Croes in Santa Cruz, and Theresita Center in San Nicolas.

The weekend of April 23rd up to April 25th will be a national vaccination weekend, in which all residents will be able to just walk-in and get their shot without prior registration. There will be four locations designated for this. The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom, Don Bosco Club in Noord and the other two locations already mentioned.

The purpose of this is to have as much people as possible vaccinated. We are aiming on having 85% of the total population vaccinated by June 2021.

When vaccinated you still need to adhere to all rules and protocols. Wear your facial mask, practice social distance, and maintain hygiene. The vaccine is not mandatory but, taking the vaccine is encouraged by the authorities.

### Measurement by the Government of Aruba

These measurements are valid until Friday April 23, 2021. On a daily basis rules and protocols are being evaluated and changes are being informed by the Government of Aruba in due time.

- Curfew is from 10am to 5am.
- Closing time for businesses is 9pm.
- Max two (2) per table (indoors & outdoors) (excluding children under the age of 12) Tables must be at least 1.5 meters apart.
- Only 1 musician is allowed to perform on stage.
- No musical events that are intended to attract customers.
- Background music is allowed/No dancing.
- Hotels and lodgings are exempted from the closing time, BUT only to serve their registered guests between 9pm and 5am.
- Casinos are not part of the exemption and must close at 9pm.

### Travel info:

Prior to travel, visitors should download the Aruba Department of Public Health's Aruba Health App: A mobile resource for information on COVID-19 health procedures in Aruba, facilitation of the airport health screening, and faster re-

sults for Molecular PCR COVID-19 tests taken in Aruba. A flat premium fee of \$30 is applicable for new insurance policies for travelers over 14 years old. Effective January 26th, 2021, as announced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S.

government requires all international airline passengers to show proof of a negative, PCR or Antigen, Covid-19 test before boarding flights to the United States. More information on travel and health requirements can be found on [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com). □

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## The visa procedure resumed as of April 15, 2021

**ORANJESTAD** - From April 15, 2021, the Dutch Kingdom will no longer require their Caribbean islands to do the pre-screening in the Visa process.

Prior to the pandemic, travelers had to apply for a visa at the Dutch Embassy in their country of origin.

No more visas were issued during the pandemic. In September 2020 they started a pre-start phase 1 of the visa issuance. During this phase, only visa applications from vital or essential travelers who fell under the following categories were processed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands:

- Persons who have received a VTA (temporary admission to Aruba) when moving to Aruba.
- MICE travelers who visit for meetings, incentives, conferences and or exhibitions.
- Business and / or commercial travel or travelers with an economic mission.
- Real estate owners in Aruba (owners of houses, apartments and / or timeshares).

Visitors wishing to enter Aruba for tourism and coming from countries requiring a visa can now apply for their visa directly from April 15, 2021 at the embassy in their country of origin, following the prior procedure.

The COVID-19 restrictions and admission requirements in the Dutch Caribbean Islands vary from island to island and are constantly changing. For more information about the applicable terms and conditions for Aruba, please visit: <https://www.aruba.com/us/traveler-health-requirements>. Travelers have a responsibility to be well informed about the current situation. More information about the conditions for applying for a visa can be found at [www.nederlandwereldwereld.nl](http://www.nederlandwereldwereld.nl), [www.paisesbajos.nl](http://www.paisesbajos.nl) and on the website of each embassy. □

# Aruba's Nature is to be Cherished



**ST. CRUZ —** The national park Arikok comprises almost 18 % of the island. Its rugged terrain, desert-like hills filled with tall cacti, breathtaking coastline and protected local flora and fauna welcome you to be explored. There is numerous wildlife to discover like for example the sea turtle who lays his eggs on the park's beaches. There are more places on the island that are a preserved area like the Bubali Plas which is a bird sanctuary.

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the islands past offering unique geological, cultural and historical sites. These can all be enjoyed and explored either on your own or during guided tours. A wide variety of educational and informative programs and fun activities is available. Did you know that four of the in total seven species of sea turtle lay their eggs on Aruba's beaches? In the national park, a Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*)

keeps a strict eye on a very special event taking place below on the beach: a majestic Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) heads back to sea after laying her eggs, while another nest laid 2 months ago by the same female hatches. A very rare occurrence of daytime nesting and hatching. Sea turtles prefer nesting in the cool and dark hours of the night. And hatchlings usually wait for the cue of cooling surface sand before emerging.



### Bubali Magic

This beautiful close-up image of the pink bird is courtesy of Michiel Oversteegen of the Aruba Birdlife Conservation. This important foundation showcases and builds awareness of Aruba's birds and other native flora and fauna. You may have seen a 'pink cloud' lately at the Bubali or Spanish Lagoon Wetlands areas? It's most likely to be Roseate Spoonbills (*Ajaia ajaja*) or 'Chucharon Cora' as they are known in Papiamentu. This unusual looking bird forages in shallow muddy water while sweeping its flattened bill from side to side to catch small fish, crustaceans and other aquatic invertebrates. The Roseate Spoonbill remains an uncommon sight as they are vulnerable to degradation of feeding and nesting habitats (Wetlands). (Source: arikok national park)

The affore mentioned is just a part of what Aruba's nature has to offer. We cannot stress enough to go, see for yourself. The island has the most beautiful beaches but it is also worthwhile to go beyond this and get an idea of our entire island. Lately there is a discussion going on about the effect certain activities have on our nature, for example the ATV vehicles cause a lot of dust, noise and leave fire tracks. Animals live in these areas where the vehicles run, often with high speed and with detrimental consequences to flora and fauna. Motorized vehicles are forbidden to drive on the sand dunes in the Northern part of the island and all beaches in Aruba are forbidden for any motorized vehicle. Treasure our island to enjoy it like you do: as a tropical and natural paradise. We truly appreciate it! □

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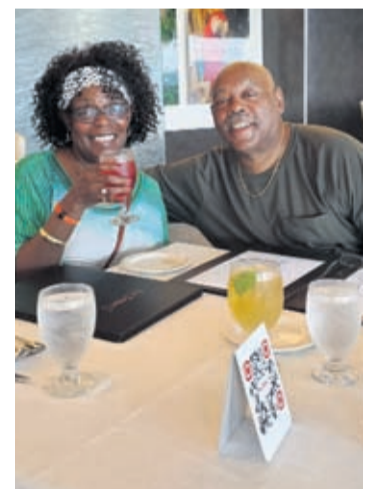
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For today we received amazing pictures from happy visitors. **Mildred Rivers and Vernon Donnell** from Passaic, New Jersey

Aruba to me is happiness and good food at the Red Parrot. □

# Clammers digging through pandemic, but shellfish are fewer

By PATRICK WHITTLE

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

Chad Coffin has spent the coronavirus pandemic much as he has the previous several decades: on the mudflats of Maine, digging for the clams that draw tourists to seafood shacks around New England.

But he's running into a problem: few clams.

"There just isn't the clams that there used to be," Coffin said. "I don't want to be negative, I'm just trying to be realistic."

It's a familiar problem experienced by New England's clamdiggers. More New Englanders have dug in the tidal mudflats during the last year, but the clams aren't cooperating.

The coronavirus pandemic has inspired more people in the Northeastern states, particularly Maine and Massachusetts, to dig for soft-shell clams, which are also called "steamers" and have been used to make chowder and fried clams for generations. The era of social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic is conducive to the often solitary work, said Coffin, the president of the Maine Clammers Association, which represents commercial clambers.

But the U.S. haul of clams



In this Sept. 3, 2020 file photo, clamdigger Mike Soule hauls bags of clams on a sled across a mudflat in Freeport, Maine.

Associated Press

has dipped in recent years as the industry has contended with clam-eating predators and warming waters, and 2020 and early 2021 have been especially difficult, industry members said.

In Maine, the largest clam producing state, fishermen produced their lowest haul in more than 90 years at a little more than 1.3 million pounds in 2020. Nationwide totals aren't compiled yet, but Maine's haul typically accounts for more than half the U.S. total, and hauls in

other clamming states such as Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York have been trending downward in recent years.

The lack of clams has contributed to higher prices to consumers, said Coffin. It has also sparked fears that future generations of clams will be even smaller in number, he said.

"A few of the guys who are clamming are making good money now, but they're basically selling their future," Coffin said. "The resource keeps dimin-

ishing."

The clamming industry has had to contend with more marine predators of clams such as green crabs and milky ribbon worm in recent years. Scientists have said the predators have been encouraged by the warming waters of key habitats such as the Gulf of Maine, which is one of the fastest-warming bodies of water in the world.

The clam shortfall has coincided with a time of high demand for clams, and that has served to increase

prices. Soft-shell clams are often selling for about \$7 per pound at retail, which is about 40% more than normal and a surprisingly high number for spring, Coffin said. Demand for clams is usually highest in summer. Soft-shell clams were the second-most valuable species, after lobsters, in Maine last year, state records show. The clams were worth about \$15.7 million at the docks, a competitive total with recent years, and \$2.39 per pound, which was the second-highest figure in recorded history.

The prices are rising due to factors such as interest in local food during the pandemic and a limited supply of the clams on the market, said Brian Beal, a professor of marine ecology at the University of Maine at Machias whose research focuses on shellfish. The bump in price is nice in the short term for clam harvesters, but the long-term problems are a major threat to the fishery, he said.

"It's interesting that the demand is still there for soft-shell clams, and that demand is driving that price, and that is driving people to go collect clams," Beal said. "We still have to look at the historic trends. One way of looking at it is they were the lowest in a long time." □

## After child dies, U.S. regulator warns about Peloton treadmill

By JOSEPH PISANI

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Safety regulators warned people with kids and pets Saturday to immediately stop using a treadmill made by Peloton after one child died and others were injured.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said children and at least one pet were pulled, pinned and entrapped under the rear roller of the Tread+ treadmill, leading to fractures, scrapes and the death of one child.

The safety commission said in a news release and in emails that it knows of 39

"incidents" with the treadmill, involving "multiple" or "dozens" of children, but it did not specify a number of children. It said the majority of the incidents resulted in injuries, including the one death.

The commission posted a video on its YouTube page of a child being pulled under the treadmill. Of the 39 incidents, 23 involved children, according to New York-based Peloton Interactive Inc.; 15 included objects like medicine balls, and one included a pet, it said.

Peloton said in a news release that the warning from the safety commis-

sion was "inaccurate and misleading." It said there's no reason to stop using the treadmill as long as children and pets are kept away from it at all times, it is turned off when not in use, and a safety key is removed.

But the safety commission said that in at least one episode, a child was pulled under the treadmill while a parent was running on it, suggesting it can be dangerous to children even while a parent is present.

If adults want to keep using the treadmill, the commission said, they should use it only in a locked



This Nov. 19, 2019 file photo shows a Peloton logo on the company's stationary bicycle in San Francisco.

Associated Press

room so children and pets can't come near it. When not in use, the treadmill should be unplugged and the safety key taken out and hidden away. The

commission also said to keep exercise balls and other objects away from it, because those have been pulled under the treadmill, too. □

# SolarWinds hacking campaign puts Microsoft in the hot seat

By **FRANK BAJAK**  
AP Technology Writer

**BOSTON (AP)** — The sprawling hacking campaign deemed a grave threat to U.S. national security came to be known as SolarWinds, for the company whose software update was seeded by Russian intelligence agents with malware to penetrate sensitive government and private networks. Yet it was Microsoft whose code the cyber spies persistently abused in the campaign's second stage, rifling through emails and other files of such high-value targets as then-acting Homeland Security chief Chad Wolf — and hopping undetected among victim networks.

This has put the world's third-most valuable company in the hot seat. Because its products are a de facto monoculture in government and industry — with more than 85% market share — federal lawmakers are insisting that Microsoft swiftly upgrade security to what they say it should have provided in the first place, and without fleecing taxpayers.

Seeking to assuage concerns, Microsoft this past week offered all federal agencies a year of "advanced" security features at no extra charge. But it also seeks to deflect blame, saying it is customers who do not always make security a priority.



In this Feb. 23, 2021, file photo Brad Smith, president of Microsoft Corporation, speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington during a hearing on emerging technologies and their impact on national security. Associated Press

Risks in Microsoft's foreign dealings also came into relief when the Biden administration imposed sanctions Thursday on a half-dozen Russian IT companies it said support Kremlin hacking. Most prominent was Positive Technologies, which was among more than 80 companies that Microsoft has supplied with early access to data on vulnerabilities detected in its products. Following the sanctions announcement, Microsoft said Positive Tech was no longer in the program and removed its name from a list of participants on its website.

The SolarWinds hackers

took full advantage of what George Kurtz, CEO of top cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike, called "systematic weaknesses" in key elements of Microsoft code to mine at least nine U.S. government agencies —

the departments of Justice and Treasury, among them — and more than 100 private companies and think tanks, including software and telecommunications providers.

The SolarWinds hackers'

abuse of Microsoft's identity and access architecture — which validates users' identities and grants them access to email, documents and other data — did the most dramatic harm, the nonpartisan Atlantic Council think tank said in a report. That set the hack apart as "a widespread intelligence coup." In nearly every case of post-intrusion mischief, the intruders "silently moved through Microsoft products "vacuuming up emails and files from dozens of organizations."

Thanks in part to the carte blanche that victim networks granted the infected SolarWinds network management software in the form of administrative privileges, the intruders could move laterally across them, even jump among organizations. They used it to sneak into the cybersecurity firm Malwarebytes and to target customers of Mimecast, an email security company. □

## Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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## Founder of Adobe and developer of PDFs dies at age 81

**LOS ALTOS, Calif. (AP)** — Charles "Chuck" Geschke — the co-founder of the major software company Adobe Inc. who helped develop Portable Document Format technology, or PDFs — died at age 81.

Geschke, who lived in the San Francisco Bay Area suburb of Los Altos, died Friday, the company said. "This is a huge loss for the entire Adobe community and the technology industry, for whom he has been a guide and hero for decades," Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen wrote in an email to the company's employees. "As co-founders of Adobe, Chuck and John Warnock developed groundbreaking software that has revolutionized how people create and communicate," Narayen said. "Their first product

was Adobe PostScript, an innovative technology that provided a radical new way to print text and images on paper and sparked the desktop publishing revolution. Chuck instilled a relentless drive for innovation in the company, resulting in some of the most transformative software inventions, including the ubiquitous PDF, Acrobat, Illustrator, Premiere Pro and Photoshop." "He was a famous businessman, the founder of a major company in the U.S. and the world, and of course he was very, very proud of that and it was huge achievement in his life, but it wasn't his focus — really, his family was," Nancy "Nan" Geschke, 78, told the Mercury News on Saturday. "He always called himself the luckiest man in the world." After earning a doctor-

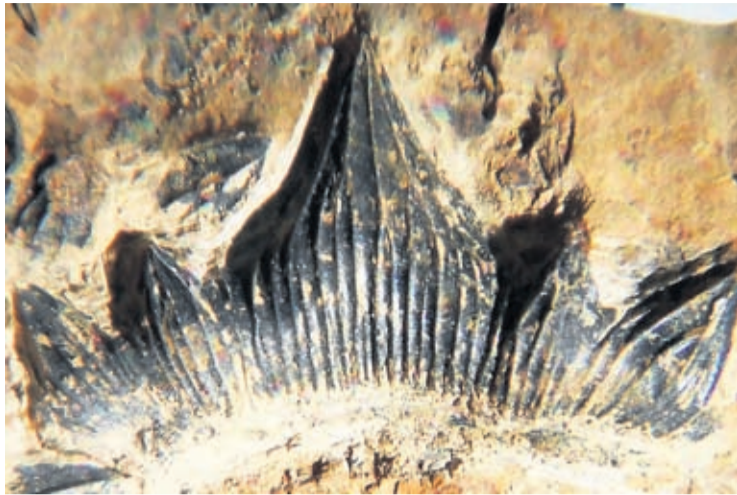


In this June 24, 1999, file photo, Dr. Charles M. Geschke, president, co-chairman and co-founder of Adobe Systems Inc., delivers his keynote address about the future of workplace information on the final day of PC Expo at New York's Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

Associated Press

ate from Carnegie Mellon University, Geschke began working at Xerox Palo Alto Research Center, where he met Warnock, the Mercury News reported. The men left the company in 1982 to found Adobe, developing software together. □

# 'Godzilla' shark discovered in New Mexico gets formal name



In this undated photo provided by John-Paul Hodnett is a single tooth on the lower jaw of a 300-million-year-old shark species named this week following a nearly complete skeleton of the species in 2013 in New Mexico.

Associated Press

By CEDAR ATTANASIO  
Associated Press / Report for America

**SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)** — The 300-million-year-old shark's teeth were the first sign that it might be a distinct species. The ancient chompers looked less like the spear-like rows of teeth of related species. They were squatter and shorter, less than an inch long, around 2 centimeters.

"Great for grasping and crushing prey rather than piercing prey," said discoverer John-Paul Hodnett, who was a graduate student when he unearthed the first fossils of the shark at a dig east of Albuquerque in 2013.

This week, Hodnett and a slew of other researchers published their findings in a bulletin of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science identifying the

shark as a separate species.

He named the 6.7-foot (2 meter) monster *Dracopristis hoffmanorum*, or Hoffman's Dragon Shark, in honor of the New Mexico family that owns the land in the Manzano Mountains where the fossils were found. Hodnett says the area is rife with fossils and easy to access because of a quarry and other commercial digging operations.

The name also harkens to the dragon-like jawline and 2.5-foot (0.75-meter) fin spines that inspired the discovery's initial nickname, "Godzilla Shark."

The 12 rows of teeth on the shark's lower jaw, for example, were still obscured by layers of sediment after excavation. Hodnett only saw them by using an angled light technique that illuminates objects below.

Hodnett is now the paleontologist and program coordinator for the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission's Dinosaur Park in Laurel, Maryland. His fellow researchers come from the New Mexico museum, as well as St. Joseph's University in Pennsylvania, Northern Arizona University, and Idaho State University.

The recovered fossil skeleton is considered the most complete of its evolutionary branch — that split from modern sharks and rays around 390 million years ago and went

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# Fashion industry evolves, as virus forces a rethink

By **THOMAS ADAMSON and FRANCOIS MORI**  
Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — The pandemic has torn a multibillion-dollar bite out of the fabric of Europe's fashion industry, stopped runway shows and forced brands to show their designs digitally instead.

Now, amid hopes of a return to near-normality by the year's end, the industry is asking what fashion will look like as it dusts itself off and struggles to its well-heeled feet again.

Answers vary. Some think the Fashion Week format, in use since the 1940s, will be radically rethought. Others believe Asia will consolidate its huge gains in influence. Many see brands seeking greater sustainability to court a younger clientele. "The impact of the pandemic will be unquestionably to increase the importance and influence of Asia on fashion," said Gildas Minvielle, economist at the Institut Francais de la Mode in Paris.

"Luxury in Europe has already rebounded but it's only because it's globalized, only because of Asian



In this Jan. 27, 2021 file photo, model Kate Moss, left, and her daughter Lila Grace Moss wear a creation for Fendi's Spring-Summer 2021 Haute Couture fashion collection presented in Paris.  
Associated Press

buyers," Minvielle said. "They spent on European brands."

Asian buyers are still considered a largely untapped market, yet their wealth has recently tipped over that of Westerners. China, in particular, was already considered the worldwide engine of growth in the luxury industry before the pandem-

ic. Its quicker containment of the virus will leave it in an even stronger position.

"In the next 50 years money will come from the East as it has been (coming) in the last 50 years from the West," said Long Nguyen, chief fashion critic of The Impression.

This could see a designer aesthetic that panders

more to Chinese tastes.

Another trend that's been strengthened during the pandemic is the decision to forgo the frenetic pace of runway calendar shows. As the virus tore across the globe from East to West, these morphed overnight from a live, in-person, sensory experience to a pre-taped digital display re-

leased online. Many predicted devastation for the industry, but houses have proved surprisingly resilient. That's because the system was already overdue a shift.

Since the advent of social media, brands have become much less reliant on traditional advertising outlets such as fashion magazines. Now, they create their own online channels, circumventing the glossies, to get their designs out.

"Each brand is a media entity unto itself," Nguyen said, calling the way the industry operates "obsolete."

Moreover, as buyers themselves move online, houses have necessarily become much less dependent on traditional sales outlets such as department stores. Some houses have done better than expected with the new digital format. Smaller brands, in particular, have welcomed the break from staging runway shows that can be astronomically expensive — for relatively little return.

The virus saw many brands, including Balenciaga, Alexander McQueen and Bottega Veneta of French luxury giant Kering, tearing up the traditional calendar to show their new collections when it suits them — both creatively and financially. Saint Laurent started the trend last year, drawing headlines for quitting Paris Fashion Week to "take control of its pace." The advantage for these brands is to set dates on their own terms, with collections that don't compete with others for attention at the same time. Yet many nostalgic critics, buyers and consumers argue that nothing can replace the physical runway experience. □

## Jimmy Kimmel, YouTube's Mark Rober to host autism benefit



This May 14, 2019 file photo shows Jimmy Kimmel at the Walt Disney Television 2019 upfront in New York.

Associated Press

By **LYNN ELBER**  
AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Jimmy Kimmel and YouTube personality and engineer Mark Rober will host an online fundraiser to benefit those with autism.

The three-hour event, "Color The Spectrum: A Livestream To Support The Autism Community," will

be held April 30 (8 p.m. EDT) on Rober's YouTube channel. Maya Rudolph, Adam Sandler, Chris Rock and Mark Hamill are among the celebrities set to take part, according to an announcement Friday by Rober, who has a son on the autism spectrum, and ABC late-night host Kimmel. Kimmel and

his staff are producing the special along with comedian-writer Robert Smigel, the voice behind Triumph the Insult Comic Dog, and his wife, Michelle Smigel. Their son's autism brought home the unmet needs of those with the disorder.

The Smigels' "Night of Too Many Stars" biannual TV benefit, topped by Jon Stewart, helps support NEXT for Autism, a nonprofit that works with medical centers and other institutions to develop innovative programs for people with autism.

The couple's biannual live event, which was sidelined by the pandemic, inspired former NASA engineer Rober to create a version adding YouTube creators to the traditional mix of comedians and actors, according to the announcement.

"It's been a year since we

had to cancel our 'Night of Too Many Stars' benefit, and many of the programs and schools we support are hurting greatly," Robert Smigel said in a statement. "So we're beyond grateful to Mark and Jimmy for making this happen for NEXT for Autism."

As part of the announcement, Rober posted a loving introduction to his son, whom he said he's protectively kept out of the internet's eye. He cited the importance of the cause in doing so. The YouTube event will include musical performances, comedy skits, and "science stunts," a release said, with viewers able to connect with the host and guest stars, including Stewart, Andy Samberg, Sarah Silverman, Conan O'Brien, Jack Black, John Oliver and YouTube personality Marques Brownlee. □

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## Auction brings Hall of Famer Ted Williams to NFT market

By **JIMMY GOLEN**  
AP Sports Writer

**BOSTON (AP)** — Teddy Ballgame is about to become Teddy Blockchain. Hall of Famer Ted Williams is coming to the digital memorabilia market with a release of nine different cards that follow the No. 9's career from skinny rookie to Cooperstown inductee. The collectors' items offered by Williams' daughter are hand drawn by Brazilian illustrator Andre Maciel, known as Black Madre, who created the non-fungible tokens for football star Rob Gronkowski that sold out last month for \$1.6 million. "I wrote to him. I told him who I was. I said, 'My dad is Ted Williams.' I said, 'Here's what I want to do,'" Claudia Williams said, add-

ing that she didn't know whether Maciel would be familiar with the baseball star. "For all he knows, I'm just some person reaching out saying, 'Hey, could you make me some NFTs?'" she said. "Just the respect that he showed the art, I know that he knows who Ted Williams is." Eight cards come in limited editions numbered 1-9, with the ninth — titled "The Splendid Splinter" — a one-of-a-kind release that comes with an autographed bat, three autographed pictures and an Airbnb stay at a house Williams lived in in Vermont. Each of the 73 cards include the digital autograph of the Red Sox slugger, who remains the last major leaguer to bat .400, hitting .406 in 1941.

The collection also recognizes Williams' achievements as a fishing hall of famer and a fighter pilot who missed parts of five seasons to serve in WWII and the Korean War. Claudia Williams wrote the text on the back of each card. The auction begins Monday and runs through Saturday.

"My life's goal is to keep my dad as relevant and inspirational as ever," Claudia Williams said last week in a telephone interview from her Florida home. "I want to leave his legacy behind when his last surviving child is gone."

Non-fungible tokens can be works of art, video clips or even tweets or news articles tied to a digital record — or blockchain — that al-

lows the collector to prove ownership. The NBA has gotten into NFTs by creating a market called Top Shot, which has more than 800,000 users and at least \$500 million in sales.

Williams said if the auction is successful, she will donate some of the proceeds to the Jimmy Fund, a children's cancer charity that has been a favorite of the Red Sox since her father's playing days.

"It's all about inspiration and honoring my dad," she said. "I am very much my father's daughter: I do not do squat if I don't feel passionate about it."

Williams played 19 years — all for the Red Sox — missing time for the two wars before retiring at the age of 41 in 1960 with a .344 av-



This image created by Brazilian illustrator Andre Maciel, known as Black Madre, provided by Leighton Communications, Inc., shows a copy of one of the nine non-fungible token cards of baseball Hall of Famer Ted Williams to go on auction April 19-24, 2021.

Associated Press

erage, 521 home runs and 1,839 RBIs. He was a 19-time All-Star, two-time AL MVP and two-time triple crown winner. □

## Tsitsipas wins Monte Carlo Masters without dropping a set

**MONACO (AP)** — Stefanos Tsitsipas won the Monte Carlo Masters without dropping a set, beating Andrey Rublev 6-3, 6-3 on Sunday for his first title this year and sixth overall.

Fourth-seeded Tsitsipas was in dominant form as he edged 4-3 ahead of the sixth-seeded Russian in their career meetings, having also beaten him on clay last year in the French Open quarterfinals. "I had an unbelievable week. It is incredible that I am able to be in the position that I am ... I would consider it as the best week of my life so far," Tsitsipas said. "There were a lot of nerves coming into that match. Playing Andrey was a very difficult thing to do today, also considering that it was a final. I am definitely proud of the way I managed to behave on the court." Tsitsipas also clinched his first Masters title. The 22-year-old Greek won his last title in February last year at the Open 13 indoor tournament in Marseille — just weeks before France went into lockdown for the first time because of the coronavirus pandemic. □

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## Yankees' Jay Bruce, 34, retires just weeks into 14th season



**New York Yankees outfielder Jay Bruce, third from left, waves from the dugout as injured first baseman Luke Voit, left, applauds, while outfielder Brett Gardner rests on the railing as the Yankees announced Bruce's retirement from baseball during the seventh inning of the Yankees loss to the Tampa Bay Rays in a baseball game, Sunday, April 18, 2021, at Yankee Stadium in New York.**  
Associated Press

By **RONALD BLUM**  
AP Baseball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jay Bruce had seen enough. Having made the New York Yankees' opening-day roster, he couldn't stomach his poor start to the season. So the three-time All-Star outfielder decided to retire Sunday, just 15 days past his 34th birthday.

"Just the consistent underperformance for me," he said before the game against Tampa Bay, his voice quavering at times. "Felt like I wasn't able to do it at a level that was acceptable for myself."

Bruce informed Yankees manager Aaron Boone of his decision during a 20-minute meeting in the manager's office on Friday, then made a public announcement before Sunday's game. He received an ovation when shown on the video board before the eighth inning but did not get in the game.

Bruce went to spring training with the Yankees on a minor league contract and made the major league roster as a first baseman when Luke Voit injured a knee, earning a \$1.35 mil-

lion one-year deal.

He hit .118 with one homer and three RBIs in 39 plate appearances this year. He started the first eight games at first base but just two of the next seven. DJ LeMahieu shifted to first from second until Voit returns in a few weeks, and newly acquired Rougned Odor was inserted at second.

Bruce had a .244 average with 319 homers and 951 RBIs in 14 major league seasons with Cincinnati (2008-16), the New York Mets (2016-18), Cleveland (2017), Seattle (2019), Philadelphia (2019-20) and the Yankees. "I was so lucky to have set a standard for myself throughout my career that was frankly very good most of the time," he said.

"And I don't feel that I'm able to do that, and I think that was the determining factor and in the decision. And I feel good about that decision and I feel thankful honestly to myself that I could be honest enough with myself to understand that it's time for this chapter to close."

Bruce's best memory was his game-ending inning homer off Houston's Tim Lincecum

in 2010 that clinched Cincinnati's first division title since 1995.

"The weirdest part about that is that I was 23 at the time and I thought stuff like that happened all the time," he said. "To know that the single moment that I'm going to remember most of my career was 10 or 11 years ago now is pretty crazy. And looking back, it makes me appreciate everything else more because so much has happened since then. I've been included and around a lot of different, incredible situations. "I saw Ken Griffey's Jr.'s 600th home run, been part of multiple no-hitters, big games, with the Indians won 22 games in a row. I hit the walk-off double to win the 22nd game. I didn't reach the top of the hill. I didn't reach

the pinnacle. I didn't win that World Series, but that's OK."

Bruce spent 43 games with the Indians in 2017 after he was acquired from the Mets in a trade.

"He's a great kid," Cleveland manager Terry Francona said. "He's a fun kid to have around. We were only with him for a couple months, but that doesn't mean you don't become fond of somebody. He was a pleasure to be around."

Bruce has become known for his graciousness and charitable work for the Arc of Greater Beaumont, Texas, and life skills department at West Brook High School. Votto's tribute was played on the video board before the eighth inning, and Bruce was applauded by both teams.

Bruce's retirement will cost

him \$1,219,355 in salary for the remainder of the season. He talked proudly of signing the autograph wall in the Yankees clubhouse, a feature at new Yankee Stadium that opened in 2009.

"I chose the Yankees because it is the New York Yankees and because I believe that the guys in that room are as capable or more capable than anyone of winning a World Series," he said. "I appreciate the opportunity that the Yankees gave me to come in and prove that I'm healthy enough to play. And even more than that, the staff here, they were just incredible in helping me work every single day to essentially learn a new position."

Bruce isn't sure what he will do next. □

## Kevin Durant leaves Nets' game in Miami with thigh injury



**Brooklyn Nets forward Kevin Durant, center, goes up for a shot against Miami Heat forward Andre Iguodala, left, and guard Kendrick Nunn, right, during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, April 18, 2021, in Miami.**

Associated Press

**MIAMI (AP)** — Brooklyn's Kevin Durant was forced to leave the Nets' game in Miami on Sunday early in the first quarter with a left thigh injury.

Durant exited with 7:57 to go in the opening quarter. He scored Brooklyn's

first eight points of the game before coming out, and the team quickly announced he would not return because of what was being called a concussion.

Durant has missed 33 games this season, with

24 of those related to a left hamstring injury. He missed six others in accordance with the league's health and safety protocols related to the coronavirus and three more for injury management.

He appeared to be injured on a drive just 1:33 into the contest and missed both free throws — only the second time this season that he went 0 for 2 on a trip to the foul line. He remained in the game for about 2 1/2 more minutes before leaving for further evaluation and ultimately the diagnosis that would keep him out for the remainder of the game.

The Nets were also without James Harden while he works his way back from a hamstring issue. □